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## **GLENDALÉ MAIN LIBRARY FEATURES FREE ACTIVITIES AND IN JANUARY**

**Glendale, Ariz.** —The following free events and activities for youth, teens and adults will be held in October at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. For more information, and to register for programs that require it, call 623-930-3530 or visit [www.glendaleaz.com/Library/LibraryEvents.cfm](http://www.glendaleaz.com/Library/LibraryEvents.cfm).

### **YOUTH PROGRAMS**

#### **Smart Start – Thursdays, Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30**

Caregivers and children are invited to grow together during this fun, interactive time for children from birth to age 3. The program held 10:30 to 11 a.m. includes songs, stories, activities and early literacy tips.

#### **Wee Readers – Tuesdays, Jan. 7, 14, 21 and 28**

A storytime designed especially for toddlers 18-36 months and their caregivers that incorporates songs, fingerplays and stories. Held from 10:15 to 10:35 a.m. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

#### **Storytime Express – Tuesdays, Jan. 7, 14, 21 and 28**

This storytime program is for preschoolers ages three to six and their caregivers. The program, held 10:45-11:15 a.m., incorporates songs, fingerplays, stories and a short, story-based movie. All children are welcome, but an adult must accompany those under five.

#### **A-B-C Storytime – Tuesdays, Jan. 7, 14, 21 and 28**

A child and parent/caregiver program for children from birth to five years. From 6:30-7 p.m., listen to stories, sing songs and engage in guided play with your child to enhance early literacy skills.

#### **Midday Movie Madness – Wednesday, Jan. 8**

Come watch a funny, silly or exciting (or all three) movie with us from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Bring snacks, a stuffed animal and/or a pillow.

#### **Purposeful Play Group – Thursday, Jan. 9**

Interested in socialization, creative play and stimulating brain development for your little one? Join Ms. Gabby, a family educator for Benevilla Family Resource Center, to learn why and how to play with your child to maximize brain and skill development. Guaranteed fun for parents and children ages 1 to 5 from 6 to 7 p.m.

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## **MAIN LIBRARY JANUARY**

**Add 1-1-1**

### **Paws to Read – Saturday, Oct. 5**

Wizardo is a great dog who loves books! He would love to have you read to him. This program is for readers ages 5-18. Sign up for a 15-minute session between 3 and 4 p.m. by calling 623-930-3537.

### **Crafty Kids – Wednesday, Jan. 22**

Join us for a hands-on arts and crafts experience from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Ages 5-12 can make things that go bump in the night and choose to make ghosts, spiders and other spooky items. Crafty Kids is first come, first served, so check in at the Youth Desk. Younger children may attend with a parent.

### **Toe-Tapping Thursday – Thursday, Jan. 23**

Sing, clap and dance in this movement and music program held 10:30 to 11 a.m. This fun-filled program is perfect for active 2-6 year-olds and their parents/caregivers. First come, first served.

### **STEM @ Your Library: Kaleidoscope Fun! – Wednesday, Jan. 29**

4 to 5 p.m., Wednesday, Jan, 29 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

Tweens, ages 7-12, explore the world of science, technology, engineering and mathematics through kaleidoscopes from 4 to 5 p.m. Participants will learn about kaleidoscopes, how they work and build one to take home. This program is supported with funds granted by the Arizona State Library, Archives, and Public Records Agency, a division of the Arizona Secretary of State, under the Library Services and Technology Act. Registration is required and begins on Jan. 15. For more information or to register, stop by the youth desk, call 623-930-3537 or visit <http://www.glendaleaz.com/Library/LibraryEvents.cfm>.

## **TEEN ACTIVITIES**

### **Steampunk Ball – Monday, Jan. 13**

Do you long for a world of steam-powered machines plus Victorian-era garb? Wish you could live in Scott Westerfeld's Leviathan books? Dress-up in your best clockwork and keys fashion and join others like you in this teens-only (ages 12-18) event from 6 to 7:30 p.m. celebrating this awesome genre. Registration is required.

### **Kearsten's Book Club: The Voting Edition – Monday, Jan. 27**

Join other teens, ages 12-18, on the fourth Monday of every month from 6 to 7:45 p.m. to snack, chat and discuss a variety of titles for teens (or of teen interest). January is the month where the next round of books are decided and voted on, so it's also a great time to join if you're new. For more information or to register, email Kearsten at [59Square@gmail.com](mailto:59Square@gmail.com).

## **ADULT PROGRAMS**

### **Walk-In Counseling with Score – Saturday, Jan. 4**

Receive free business counseling from SCORE (Counselors for America's Small Business) at 12:15 p.m. SCORE can advise on all areas of business, from start-up information to marketing and accounting concerns. No appointments are necessary. Call 602-745-7250 for more information.

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## **MAIN LIBRARY JANUARY**

**Add 2-2-2-2**

### **Glendale Coffeehouse – Thursday, Jan. 9**

Join the library on the second Thursday at 6:30 p.m. of every month for acoustic music from area musicians. This month features Gavan Wieser originals and Randy Brown, Craig Griffin and Jon Iger originals. For more information, call 623-930-3573.

### **Socrates Café: A Philosophical Discussion Group – Saturday, Jan. 11 and Sunday, Jan. 26**

Gather with people from different backgrounds and beliefs to exchange thoughtful ideas and experiences from 2 to 4 p.m. This group is facilitated by Douglas Groves. For more information call 623-930-3573.

### **Real to Reel Book Discussion – Monday, Jan. 13**

Every other month at 1 p.m., this group discusses a book turned into a movie. Read the book, see the movie or do both and join us for discussion. January's selection is "Winter's Bone" by Daniel Woodrell. For more information, call 623-930-3531.

### **Kitabu Reading Loom – Wednesday, Jan. 15**

The Kitabu Reading Loom group reads and reviews literature by and/or about people of African descent from 6 to 8 p.m. This month's selection is "Rising Fences" by Michael Datcher. For more information, call 623-974-0238.

### **eBook Reader Lab – Thursday, Jan. 16**

Gain valuable information from digital librarian Marlene Jacobson 1 to 2:30 p.m. Bring your own eReader for specific advice. An assortment of the most popular readers will also be available for you to explore. No registration is necessary. For more information, call 623-930-3531.

### **18th Annual Arizona Songwriters Gathering – Saturday, Jan. 25**

Participate in this free event from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with live music performances all day on two stages and song critique sessions. Also gain information at workshops and lectures on crafting songs, getting songs into film and television, marketing with social media and more. This event is also great for audiences to enjoy the stage entertainment. For more information, call 623-930-3573.

### **Acoustic Jam Session – Wednesday, Jan. 29**

Bring your acoustic instrument and play round-robin style at 6 p.m. Audience members are welcome. For more information, call 623-930-3573.

### **Live At The Library: Flamenco Duet-Chris and Lena Jacome – Thursday, Jan. 30**

Chris and Lena's strong partnership and artistic communication mesmerize audiences as they share an unforgettable experience filled with award-winning flamenco music and dance. The program begins at 6:30 p.m. This program is funded by a grant from the City of Glendale's Performing Arts Partnership Program. For more information, call 623-930-3573.

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